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PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

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| In re Application of: |) | |
| HIROAKI MIHARA ET AL. |) | : Examiner: D. Tugbang |
| Appln. No.: Div. of 09/128,538 filed |) | |
| August 4, 1998 |) | : |
| Filed: Concurrently Herewith |) | |
| For: A LIQUID DISCHARGE HEAD, A |) | |
| SUBSTRATE FOR USE OF SUCH HEAD : |) | |
| AND A METHOD OF MANUFACTURE |) | |
| THEREFOR |) | |
| | : | February 8, 2002 |

The Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Sir:

Preliminary to examination, the Examiner is respectfully requested to amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE SPECIFICATION

Please add the following paragraph immediately before the first paragraph of the specification:

--This application is a divisional of application no. 09/128,538, filed on August 4, 1998, now US Pat. No. 6374482